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INTERPRETIVE MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2006

To: DCS Staff, OFPCHS Rating Officer and MD Youth Camp Operators
From: Pamela Engle, R.S., Chief, Division of Community Services
Re: COMAR 10.16.06.24 Health Log Signatures at Youth Camps

COMAR 10.16.06.24C(2) requires each entry in a youth camp's health log or camper's personal health record to be legibly signed by the individual administering care at the camp.

The staff member administering care to campers at camp must be fully identified and recorded in the camp health log. Certain health logs contain each camp staff member's full name, signature, and initials in a list in one section of the health log, and for each entry, the staff member who is administering care enters his or her initials in lieu of the individual's full name and signature. An example is the American Camp Association's Health Log.

This alternative procedure meets the intent of COMAR 10.16.06.24A(5) and 10.16.06.24C(2) and is acceptable compliance for these regulations provided that the individual's name, signature, and initials are included in the camp's current health log staff member list and are legible, and all other requirements of 10.16.06.24 are met.

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